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REVIEWED BY John Simms DATE 3-17-81

DEC 28 1978

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Your letter of November 28 to President Carter has been referred to me for reply. On behalf of President Carter please accept our condolences on [redacted] tragic death.

On December 1 we informed [redacted] that [redacted] had been identified as a victim of the Jonestown, Guyana incident, and subsequently a member of my staff spoke to you regarding the procedures to follow to claim [redacted] body.

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For your information, death certificates are presently being prepared by the Government of Guyana. After the certificates are completed, they will be delivered to the United States Embassy at Georgetown. The Embassy will then prepare a Consular Report of Death for each person. The Consular Report of Death is the standard legal document which is provided for by law, and once completed, it will be made available to you.

Once again let me assure you that you have our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

Lois M. Day
Director Designate
Office of Citizens Consular Services

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ETURNED TO: AGENCY LIAISON (ROOM 94) WHITE HOUSE.

EMARKS:

X LETTER MAILGRAM TELEGRAM DATED: NOV 28 78

TO: PRESIDENT CARTER

FROM: [redacted] E B6

SUBJECT: [redacted] WAS KILLED IN GUYANA. REQUESTS HER DEATH CERTIFICATE AND ASHES.

RESPONSE:

CLOSED OUT:

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:

PAMELA ZINN

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

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28 NOV 1978

TO: President of The United States

FM: [redacted] E 6

RE: Christina E.M. Bates

Birth Date: 3/22/05

SSN: 464-14-0063

Dear Mr. President,

[redacted] left for Guyana in July or August of 1977. I am inclined to believe that [redacted] was one of the many that died in the Guyana massacre.

I don't believe she took poison of her own free will. She had too much to live for. Before she left for Guyana, she told me that if anything happened to her, I was to write to you and ask for your help. She was a staunch supporter of yours Mr. President.

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[redacted] always advised me that assistance from you would always bring satisfactory results.

She was a WW II veteran of full disability drawing Social Security.

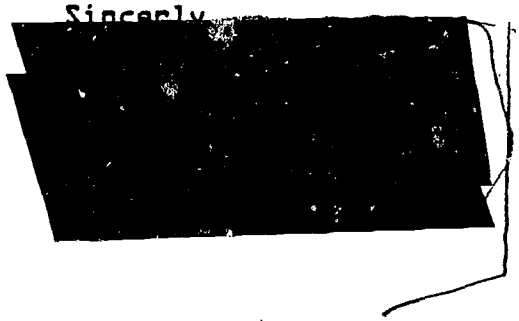
Mr. President, this is all the help that I had.

I would like to get her death certificate, and have her ashes sent to me.

Since she went to Guyana, I have not received one of her Social Security checks. I always made the deposits for her.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerly,



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ACTION SLIP

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(Attachment Classification)

S/S CONTROL NUMBER: 7823755

ACTION ASSIGNED TO: CA

DATE: 12/13

(Action Office Instructions on Reverse)

ACTION REQUESTED

___ STATE TO NSC MEMO
___ STATE TO

___ with Draft reply for signature by _____
___ with Comment or Recommendation

✓ DIRECT REPLY

✓ provide info copy under cover of State-NSC transmittal form

___ REPLY FOR SIGNATURE BY _____

___ provide comeback copy for _____

___ RECOMMENDATION FOR _____
___ with Memorandum for the President

___ APPROPRIATE HANDLING

___ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DUE IN S/S BY:
CLEAR WITH: 12/20/78

REMARKS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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	___ M/MO			

FROM: MARIE MORRIS (NAME)

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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TO: T - Ms. Lucy Wilson Benson

FROM: H - J. Brian Atwood

SUBJECT: Budget Authority for Guyana Operation

I phoned the staff directors of the SFRC, HIRC, and House and Senate Foreign Operations Subcommittees today to inform them of the Administration's decision to fund the Guyana operation using the Foreign Affairs Contingency Fund and the Economic Support Fund (formerly SSA). I explained that the Contingency Fund would not be adequate to fund the operation fully since it contains only $3 million against an estimated total cost of $3.5 million to $4 million. I advised [redacted] (Senate Foreign Operations) and [redacted] that their chairmen would be receiving official notifications concerning the reprogramming of Economic Support Fund allocations.

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[redacted] of the SFRC, [redacted] were critical of the decision. I provided background information describing the urgency confronting the Executive Branch at the time of the crisis, explaining that the initial order was based on the perceived need to deal with live American citizens and recounting our request to the Government of Guyana to permit a burial in that country.

[redacted] reiterated Chairman Sparkman's view that foreign assistance appropriations should not be used to pay for the operation. [redacted] expressed the belief that U.S. government money should not have been used at all to transport the bodies. [redacted] said that Chairman Clarence Long and others on his subcommittee would be highly critical of the decision to use ESF.

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[redacted] said that the decision "might cost the Administration a $100 million reduction in the Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill," but said that his chairman would support us.

Recommendation:

In sending the reprogramming notification, we should place strong emphasis on our efforts to recoup these funds from the Peoples Temple and provide a solid legal justification for our decision to use ESF.

cc: C - Matthew Nimetz
L - Lee Marks
H - Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.
OMB - Edward G. Sanders
OMB - Edward B. Strait
WH CL - Robert G. Beckel
AID - Jean Lewis
ARA - John Bushnell

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